



# COCHISE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE PAMPHLET

**General Election — November 8, 2016**

This pamphlet has been prepared by the Cochise County School Superintendent's Office to provide general information to persons seeking election to a school board position within Cochise County.

## General Election Calendar 2016

July 11, 2016	First Date for Non-partisan Candidates To File Nomination Petitions & Papers <a href="#">A.R.S. 16-311(B)</a>
August 10, 2016	Last Date For Non-partisan Candidates To File Nomination Petitions & Papers <a href="#">A.R.S. 16-311(B)</a>
August 24, 2016	Last Date For Write-In Candidates To File For Elections That May Be Cancelled
August 25, 2016	Earliest Date For The County Board of Supervisors To Cancel Elections <a href="#">A.R.S. 15-424(D)</a>
September 22, 2016	Last Date For Candidate Statements To Be Submitted for Posting To County School's Website
September 29, 2016	Last Date For Write-In Candidates To File <a href="#">A.R.S. 16-312</a>
October 10, 2016	Last Date To Register To Vote In General Election <a href="#">A.R.S. 16-120</a>
October 12, 2016	Early Voting For General Election Begins <a href="#">A.R.S. 16-545</a>
October 28, 2016	First Date to File Pre-General Election Campaign Finance Reports <a href="#">A.R.S. 16-913(B)(2)</a>
October 28, 2016	Last Date To Request A Ballot By Mail <a href="#">A.R.S. 16-542</a>
November 4, 2016	Last Date to File Pre-General Election Campaign Finance Reports <a href="#">A.R.S. 16-913(B)(2)</a>
November 4, 2016	Last Date To Vote At On-Site Location (Recorder's Office) <a href="#">A.R.S. 16-542</a>
November 8, 2016	General Election <a href="#">A.R.S. 16-211</a>
November 29, 2016	First Date To File Post-General Election Campaign Finance Reports <a href="#">A.R.S. 16-913(B)(3)</a>
December 8, 2016	Last Date To File Post-General Election Campaign Finance Reports <a href="#">A.R.S. 16-913(B)(3)</a>

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## Cochise County School Board Positions Open for Election 2016

District	Term	Service Term		Signatures Required
Apache Elementary School District #42				
Frank Krentz	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	1
Ash Creek Elementary School #53				
Jessica Dilworth	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	3
Greg Lee	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	3
Caroline Tolby	2 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2018	3
Benson Unified School District #09				
Brett Barney	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	25
Robert Bernal	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	25
Anita Choate	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	25
Jack Comaduran	2 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2018	25
Bisbee Unified School District #02				
Vacant	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	23
Carol Loy	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	23
Prido Polanco	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	23
Bowie Unified School District #14				
Kimberly Klump	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	2
Barth Morin	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	2
Nancy-Jean Welker	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	2
Cochise Elementary School District #26				
Gary Regnier	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	1
Cochise Technology District #01				
Robert Devere-(Tombstone)	2 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2018	24
Joe Farmer-(Sierra Vista)	2 Year	1/1/2017	12/31/2018	153
Mark Goodman-(St. David)	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	12
Christopher Lentz-(San Simon)	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	3
Laura Miller-(Bisbee)	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	23
Angi Obergh-(Benson)	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	25
Jeff St. Clair-(Bowie)	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	2
Albert Young-(Douglas)	2 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2018	26

Petition signature requirements for the positions are based on a percentage of qualified electors on March 1 ([A.R.S. 16-322.B](#))

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District	Term	Service Term		Required # of Signatures
Double Adobe Elementary School #45				
Pat English	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	2
John Vaughn	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	2
Douglas Unified School District #27				
Susan Kramer	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	26
Mario A. Ramos Sr.	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	26
Natalio Sabal	4 Year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	26
Elfrida Elementary District #12				
Pat Edie	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/20210	4
Grace Poe	2 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2018	4
Timothy Frazier	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	4
McNeal Elementary School District #55				
Daren Spence	2 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2018	2
Mike Ramirez	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	2
Naco Elementary School District #23				
Rosa Ramirez	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	4
Palominas Elementary School District #49				
Marti Payne	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	36
Sheila Ritter	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	36
Pearce Elementary School District #22-3				
Jennifer Casady	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	7
Mary Sztuk	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	7
Pomerene Elementary School District #64				
Lianna Contreras	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	4
Donald Fenn	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	4
Bevin Carl Judd	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	4
San Simon Unified School District #18				
Larry Parker	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	3
Dusty Pierce	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	3
Jason Sloan	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	3
Sierra Vista Unified School District #68				
Melissa Avant	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	153
Connie Johnson	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	153
Lori Silk	4 year	1/1/2017	12/31/2020	153

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District	Term	Service Term	*Required # of Signatures
<b>St. David Unified School District #21</b>			
Jay Tyler Davis	4 year	1/1/2017 12/31/2020	12
Bradley Haynie	4 year	1/1/2017 12/31/2020	12
Damon Trejo	4 year	1/1/2017 12/31/2020	12
<b>Tombstone Unified School District #01</b>			
Joanne Coppola	4 year	1/1/2017 12/31/2020	24
James Dotson	4 year	1/1/2017 12/31/2020	24
Mike Hayhurst	4 year	1/1/2017 12/31/2020	24
<b>Valley Union High School District #22-5</b>			
Kimberly Hoke	4 year	1/1/2017 12/31/2020	13
German Paz	4 year	1/1/2017 12/31/2020	13
<b>Willcox Unified School District #13</b>			
Debra Ellis	4 year	1/1/2017 12/31/2020	19
William Nolan	4 year	1/1/2017 12/31/2020	19
Dwayne Owen	4 year	1/1/2017 12/31/2020	19
<b>Cochise Community College District</b>			
Danny Ortega-Precinct 2	6 year	1/1/2017 12/13/2022	31
Tim Quinn-Precinct 4	4 year	1/1/2017 12/13/2020	41
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## TO RUN FOR A SEAT ON YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD

A candidate for School District Governing Board must be at least 18 years old, a citizen of the United States, a resident of Arizona, a registered voter of this state and have been a resident of the school district for one year prior to the date of election. No employee of the district or their spouse may hold membership on the governing board. Immediate family, that has had the same household of residence within the previous four years shall not serve simultaneously on a five member governing board pursuant A.R.S. 15-421.

1. **Initial Filing: Submit a Campaign Finance Statement and Candidate Contact Information form** to the Cochise County School Superintendent's Office, 3rd floor, Old Bisbee High School, 100 Clawson Ave., Bisbee.  
 Campaign Finance Statements: Submit as required.
  - a) Statement of Organization – if spending more than \$500 on your campaign.
  - b) \$500 Threshold Exemption – if spending \$500 or less on your campaign.
2. **Only after initial filing of appropriate campaign financial documentation start collecting signatures using Non-partisan Nomination Petition.**
3. **Petition Filing: July 11, 2016 and August 10, 2016.**  
**Nonpartisan Nomination Paper** (includes nomination, affidavit of qualification, and campaign finance laws statement) and **Nomination Petitions** (with signatures).
4. **Candidates may submit a 500 word statement and a 2x3 photograph** for publication on the Cochise County School Superintendent's website anytime from **July 11, 2016 through September 22, 2016.**

**NOTE: All initial paperwork is filed with the Cochise County School Superintendent's Office**

## **The Non-Partisan Nomination Petition**

- The Nomination Petition Form must be 8 1/2 x 11 inches and contain 10 signature lines.
- Campaign finance paperwork must be filed **before** circulating any Nonpartisan Nomination Petitions.
- A photograph of the candidate *may* appear on the Nonpartisan Nomination Petitions.
- Candidates must file *at least* the minimum number of signatures required for the office sought. If there are too few signatures, the Cochise County School Superintendent's Office will not accept the nominating petitions.
- Each form should be headed by a caption stating the purpose of the petition, followed by the body of the petition stating the intent of the petitioners. The purpose of the petition must also include the length of term for the candidate (2-year or 4-year).
- All petitions will be signed by a circulator who is qualified to register to vote in this state. The circulator's name is to be typed or printed under such person's signature. The circulator's actual residence address or, if no street address, a description of residence location shall be included on the petition. Information on registering as an out of state circulator can be found at: <http://azsos.gov>.
- A voter may sign the number of candidate petitions equal to the number to be elected within that office. For example, in a school board election, if there are three seats up for election, a voter may sign up to three candidate petitions.

**Note:** The Office of the County School Superintendent does not verify signatures on petitions; however they are subject to challenge. Nomination papers, Affidavit of Qualifications, petitions, and financial disclosure statements become public record once filed.

## **Nomination Paper, Affidavit Of Qualification, Campaign Laws Statement**

- The first of this three-section form is the Nomination Paper. Candidates must state office, date of general election and meet residency requirements.
- The second section of the form is the Affidavit of Qualification. The length of term must be stated and residence must be listed, as well as mailing address if different, and the exact manner in which the candidate desires to have his or her name appear on the official ballot. ***These two sections must be signed by the candidate and notarized.*** The staff of the Cochise County School Superintendent's Office will notarize forms, free of charge, if the candidate presents valid picture identification.
- The third section, the Campaign Law Statement, requires the candidate's signature only.

**Note:** Names printed on the official ballot are limited to last name, first name, and middle names. Abbreviations, initials, and nicknames are permissible as long as they do not suggest a title. Abbreviated names or nicknames MAY be printed with quotation marks. The candidate's last name will always appear first on the official ballot.

## **Write-In Candidates**

- Any person desiring to become a write-in candidate for an election that may be cancelled shall file the Write-In Nomination Paper not later than August 24, 2016.
- Any person desiring to become a write-in candidate for an election that has not been cancelled shall file a Write-In Nomination Paper not later than September 29, 2016.

The write-in filing procedure shall be in the same manner as prescribed in A.R.S. 16-311.

## **Campaign Contributions And Expenditures**

Before circulating petitions, accepting contributions, making expenditures, or distributing any campaign literature all candidates shall file either a \$500 Threshold Exemption or a Political Committee Statement of Organization. **The “*de minimis*” rule is no longer valid.**

Itemized and detailed statements of campaign contributions and expenditures must be filed by each candidate’s campaign committee and submitted to the Cochise County Elections Department. The definition of a contribution can be found in Title 16 of Arizona Revised Statutes.

- Candidates receiving and or expending less than \$500 should file a Threshold Exemption Statement ([A.R.S. 16-903](#)). When a candidate’s campaign committee or political committee has filed a \$500 exemption statement, receives contributions, or makes expenditures of more than \$500, the committee shall file a Statement of Organization within 5 days after exceeding the \$500.00 limit ([A.R.S.16-902.01 & 16-903](#)).
- Candidates who intend to receive contributions, or make expenditures of more than \$500 in connection with a campaign shall designate a political campaign committee by filing a Political Statement of Organization.

## **Legal Requirements For Campaign Advertisement, Literature and Signs**

- Any candidate/political committee posting political signs within city limits must first verify city ordinances and regulations for posting political signs. The Cochise County School Superintendent’s Office is not responsible in any way for a candidate’s political signs.
- Campaign literature or advertisement paid for by any political committee, as defined in [A.R.S. 15-901](#), must disclose the words “paid for by” followed by the name listed on either the committee’s Statement of Organization or the \$500 Threshold Exemption Statement.
- Bumper Stickers, pins, buttons, pens and similar items too small to contain a disclosure of who paid for them are **not** required to disclose who paid for them .
- Signs paid for by a *candidate’s own campaign committee* are not required to include disclosure of who paid for them.

**Note:** It is imperative that campaigning stay within the bounds of the law.

Please review A.R.S. 15-511

## **Candidate Statement For County Website**

Candidates may submit a 500 word statement and a recent photograph for posting on the Cochise County School Superintendent’s website.

- Candidate statements shall either be typewritten or electronically submitted and will be posted verbatim as it is received.
- If a candidate does not submit a statement, the county school superintendent’s website shall state “no response submitted” for the candidate.
- The photograph should be no larger than 2 inches x 3 inches.
- Statements and photographs may be submitted beginning [July 11, 2016](#) through [September 22, 2016](#). The statements and photographs will be published online on September 29, 2016.
- The candidate statements will be posted on the website alphabetically by district and by candidate’s last name.

If you have any questions regarding this pamphlet or any of the forms, please do not hesitate to contact the Cochise County School Superintendent’s Office at  
(520) 432-8950